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Title: POLARIZATION ROTATORS, ARTICLES CONTAINING THE POLARIZATION
ROTATORS, AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING THE SAME

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed July 18, 2003, in the above-identified application.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

In response to the Official Action dated July 18, 2003, please consider the following remarks. Claims 1-26 are pending.

Remarks

§ 112 Rejections

Claims 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards (or Applicants regard) as the invention. The Office Action asserts that a polarizer element could not transmit a substantial portion of light having a first circular polarization.

Although many polarizers are linear polarizers, there are circular polarizers which transmit and reflect circularly polarized light. An example of a circular polarizer uses cholesteric liquid

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